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REFER TO FILE: **PJ-2**

May 15, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**HARBOR-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER
SURGERY/EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT PROJECT
AWARD INTERIM HELISTOP CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
SPECS. 5110 AND 6779; C.P. 69220
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2
3 VOTES**

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND
THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that Trimax Construction Corporation (Trimax) is the apparent lowest responsible bidder; and award a Construction Contract to Trimax in the amount of \$1,377,800 for construction of the interim helistop portion of the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Surgery/Emergency (S/E) Replacement project, funded by C.P. 69220, subject to the satisfactory and timely completion by the contractor of a baseline construction schedule for the project and receipt by Public Works of acceptable Faithful Performance and Labor and Materials Bonds and insurance certificates filed by the contractor.
2. Delegate to the Director of Public Works the authority to determine, in accordance with the applicable Contract and bid documents, whether the contractor has satisfied the above conditions for Contract award; authorize the Director to execute the Construction Contract, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, with Trimax; and to establish the effective Contract date.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the recommended actions will allow Public Works to proceed with the construction of the interim helistop, which must be completed prior to commencing construction of the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center S/E facility.

The proposed Harbor-UCLA Medical Center S/E facility's construction site includes the area currently used as the emergency medical service helistop. Provision for emergency medical helicopter service during the construction period of the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center S/E facility will be provided by the proposed interim helistop.

On February 6, 2007, your Board adopted revised plans and specifications for the interim helistop and authorized readvertising for bids. On March 13, 2007, four bids were received. Trimax, with a total bid of \$1,380,000, is the apparent lowest responsible bidder. A County-required allowance of \$2,200 is included in this bid for preparation of a construction schedule that will be completed under separate Consultant Agreement. We are recommending that your Board award the Contract for construction of the interim helistop to Trimax in the amount of \$1,377,800. The bid results are summarized in Enclosure B.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These actions meet the County Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence, Fiscal Responsibility, and Children and Families' Well-Being by investing in public health infrastructure and improving access to surgery and emergency services in the southern and western areas of the County. Completion of the project will provide much needed improvements to the facility for residents of the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended bid of \$1,377,800 exceeds the estimated construction cost of \$1,100,000 as previously reported to your Board in February 2007. The interim helistop construction cost of \$1,377,800 can be managed within the approved project budget's construction funds due to savings of approximately \$900,000 that will be realized upon execution of purchase orders for the two modular buildings that were authorized by your Board in October 2006. The interim helistop project component does not impact the project budget of \$344.1 million authorized by your Board on October 17, 2006. The Project Budget and Schedule Summary are included in Enclosure A.

Sufficient appropriation is available within the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Budget (C.P. 69220) for award of this Contract.

It is anticipated that the proposed project will be financed initially through the issuance of tax-exempt commercial paper and, ultimately, the issuance of long-term, tax-exempt bonds.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration for Contract award, Trimax is willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence Program participants for future employment.

Trimax is in compliance with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program) and Chapter 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Services Program).

Standard Contracts, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used. The Board-directed clauses that provide for Contract termination, renegotiation, and hiring qualified, displaced County employees will be included.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The project specifications contains provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the Contract if it is found that Trimax offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

To ensure that the Contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, the bidder was required to report violations of the False Claims Act, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On April 11, 2006, your Board approved a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center S/E project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On February 6, 2007, your Board adopted plans for rebidding the interim helistop portion of the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center (S/E) project at an estimated construction cost of \$1,100,000 and instructed the Executive Officer of the Board to advertise for construction bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement.

On March 13, 2007, four bids were received for the project. Trimax was found to be the apparent lowest responsible bidder with a total bid of \$1,380,000, including a \$2,200 not-to-exceed fee for preparation of a construction schedule.

As requested by your Board on February 3, 1998, this Contract opportunity was listed on the Doing Business With Us website as shown in Enclosure C.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The Harbor-UCLA Medical Center S/E project is being implemented in phases in order to minimize impacts on the hospital. The site preparation activities, including the interim helistop, will reroute, relocate, or replace existing facilities to prepare the site for construction. The project specifications require the contractors and vendors to coordinate their construction schedules to minimize disruption of the daily activities of the hospital, which will remain fully operational during these construction activities.

During the completion of design, extensive coordination was performed with the hospital staff to identify and implement measures to mitigate potential construction conflicts and minimize impacts on hospital operations and patient care.

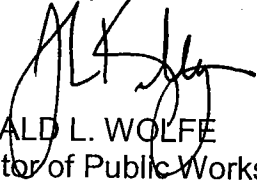
We have reviewed the above recommendation as well as the potential cost impact with the Project Advisory Committee.

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CONCLUSION

Please return an adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Administrative Office (Capital Projects Division), Health Services, and Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,


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Chief Administrative Officer

BRUCE A. CHERNOF, M.D.
Director and Chief Medical Officer

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cc: County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance
Department of Public Social Services (GAIN/GROW Program)
Project Advisory Committee (Jerry Epstein, Nick Patsaouras)

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ENCLOSURE A

**HARBOR-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER
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I. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion Date
Environmental Documents	04/11/06*
<u>Make-Ready</u>	
Jurisdictional Approvals	06/12/06*
Construction Award	10/18/06*
Construction Start	10/19/06*
Substantial Completion	02/29/08
<u>Surgery/Emergency Building</u>	
Jurisdictional Approvals	08/29/07
Construction Award	01/15/08
Construction Start	04/24/08
Substantial Completion	07/10/11
<u>Backfill</u>	
Jurisdictional Approvals	06/08/11
Construction Award	01/16/12
Construction Start	04/17/12
Substantial Completion	05/16/13

*Indicates actual dates

II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

	Approved Project Budget	Impact of Actions	Proposed Project Budget
Land Acquisition	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Construction			
a) Site Preparation*	\$ 18,200,000	\$ 0	\$ 18,200,000
b) Surgery/Emergency Replacement			
- Base Construction	\$ 170,250,000	\$ 0	\$ 170,250,000
- Change Order Allowance	\$ 25,538,000	\$ 0	\$ 25,538,000
Subtotal Construction	\$ 213,988,000	\$ 0	\$ 213,988,000
Plans and Specs	\$ 32,830,000	\$ 0	\$ 32,830,000
Equipment	\$ 45,380,000	\$ 0	\$ 45,380,000
Consultant Services	\$ 33,367,000	\$ 0	\$ 33,367,000
Permits and Fees	\$ 3,707,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,707,000
County Services	\$ 12,356,000	\$ 0	\$ 12,356,000
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$ 2,472,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,472,000
TOTAL	\$ 344,100,000	\$ 0	\$ 344,100,000

* Site preparation includes interim helistop and modular buildings D-9 and N-20.

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ENCLOSURE B

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BID SUMMARY

The interim helistop portion of the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Surgery/Emergency Replacement project consists of constructing a prefabricated helistop and associated equipment, inclusive of steel support system and new site utilities.

Bid Opening Date: March 13, 2007

Bid Summary:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total Lump Sum</u>
	<u>Base Bid</u>
Trimax Construction Corp.	\$1,380,000
USS Cal Builders, Inc.	\$1,396,000
MTM Construction, Inc.	\$1,540,000*
Minako America Corp, dba Minco	\$1,827,000

*Includes \$50,000 credit as a qualified small business.